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Re: <u>United States v. City of Albion, Michigan</u>, Civ. No. 1:97-CV-1037 (W.D. Mich.) -

Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill Superfund Site.

Dear Mr. Denton:

This responds to your letter of December 24, 1997 in which you request that we identify a specific due date for the filing of the City of Albion's Answer or other initial pleading in response to the United States Complaint in the above-referenced matter. Your suggested due date of February 6, 1998, for the filing of the City of Albion's Answer or other initial pleading in response to the United States Complaint in this matter is acceptable to the United States. If there are any questions regarding this letter or this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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